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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WENSTRUP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ROLE OF DOCTORS OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**
4 **IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ROLE.—Section 7306 of title
6 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “a Direc-
2 tor of Podiatric Service,”;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (10) as
4 paragraph (11); and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (9) the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(10) A Podiatric Medical Director, who shall
8 be a qualified doctor of podiatric medicine and who
9 shall be responsible to the Under Secretary for
10 Health for the operation of the Podiatric Service.”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “podiatric
12 medicine,” after “doctors of medicine,”; and

13 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “and (8)” and
14 inserting “(8), and (10)”.

15 (b) CLARIFICATION OF PAY GRADE.—Section 7404
16 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “, podia-
18 trists,” after “physicians” ; and

19 (2) in subsection (b), in the first heading of the
20 list following the colon, by striking “PODLATRIST”
21 and inserting “PODLATRIST (DPM)”.